

ALLIES ARE MAKING PROGRESS AS THEIR COUNTER-OFFENSIVE INCREASES ITS MOMENTUM

BETWEEN SOMME AND DEMUIN THE TROOPS MADE AN ADVANCE

Between the Avre and Luce Rivers the British Captured 50 Prisoners and 13 Machine Guns—More Germans Taken Near Hebuturne

HEAVY FIRING BY ARTILLERY ON FRENCH LINE

Paris Official Statement To-day Told of Big Gun Engagements at Some Points on Southern End of Battle Line.

Paris, April 2.—French and British troops advanced last night between the Somme and Demuin, it is announced officially. Over most of the front between the Somme and Oise rivers the night was relatively calm. There was heavy artillery fighting at some points.

LARGE FORCE OF AMERICANS

Can Be Brought to the Assistance of the Allies.

London, April 2.—An official announcement issued here last night says: "As a result of communications which have been passed between the prime minister and President Wilson; of deliberations between Secretary Baker, who visited London a few days ago, and the prime minister, Mr. Balfour and Lord Derby, and consultations in France, in which General Pershing and General Bliss participated, important decisions have been made by which large forces of trained men in the American army can be brought to the assistance of the allies in the present struggle."

"The government of our great western ally is not only sending large numbers of American battalions to Europe during the coming crucial moments but has agreed to such of its regiments as cannot be used in divisions of their own being brigaded with French and British units so long as the necessity lasts."

"By this means troops not sufficiently trained to fight as divisions and army corps will form part of seasoned divisions, until such time as they have completed their training and General Pershing wishes to withdraw them in order to build up the American army."

"Arrangements for the transportation of these additional forces are now being completed."

"Throughout these discussions President Wilson has shown the greatest anxiety to do everything possible to assist the allies and has left nothing undone which could contribute thereto."

"This decision, however, of vital importance, it will be to the allies in the next few months, will in no way diminish the need for those further measures for raising fresh troops at home, to which reference already has been made. It is announced at once because the prime minister feels that the singleness of purpose with which the United States has made this immediate and, indeed, indispensable contribution toward the triumph of the allied cause should be clearly recognized by the British people."

CURTAIN OF FIRE PUT ABOUT PARIS TO AVERT RAID

Warning Was Sounded Early This Morning and Anti-Aircraft Guns Got Into Operation Promptly.

Paris, April 2.—An air raid warning was sounded early to-day. Anti-aircraft guns placed a continuous curtain of fire around the capital. An hour and ten minutes later it was announced that all danger was over.

AMERICANS ON MARCH.

They Are Anxious to Get at the Germans.

With the American army in France, April 2.—(By Associated Press).—The muddy roads were again yesterday jammed with Americans on the move. In some cases they were marching in double lines, taking up the road from side to side. For obvious reasons, it is inadvisable to disclose where the troops are going, where they are coming from or even the direction in which the movements are being made. It may not be many days, however, before the United States will know. It is probable that the first news will come with the report of the American forces in action, but when that may be is another subject which cannot be discussed.

Whenever it is, it is certain that the troops will give a good account of themselves, for they are lucky, hardy, trained and completely equipped and on their toes for a clash with the enemy. If this clash should be in the open the troops will like it all the better, for they say "that's our game."

All are determined to get into the fight if possible. The correspondent saw men limping, but refusing to drop out for fear that they might be left behind. If there was a single straggler in the long marching lines he had effectively hidden himself.

TURKS MEET WITH STIFF RESISTANCE IN CAUCASUS

The Armenians and Georgians Have Formed a Large Army for the Defense of Their Territory Against Invaders.

Petrograd, Monday, April 1 (By Associated Press).—Fierce fighting has broken out in the districts of Batoum, Kars and Ardahan in the Caucasus. Armenians and Georgians have formed a large army for the defense of the territory against the Turks, who have begun the military occupation of the districts.

By virtue of the Brest-Litovsk peace treaty, the Georgians have seized most of the Russian warships in the harbor of Batoum and have taken them into the Black sea. The entire population of Georgia has been mobilized to oppose the invaders.

Pursuing the Turks.

London, April 2.—British troops operating on the Euphrates river in Mesopotamia continue their pursuit of the Turkish troops. They have advanced to a point about midway between Baghdad and Aleppo. The war office statement reads:

"On the Euphrates our pursuing troops have advanced 75 miles beyond Anap and have captured a few more Germans and two 10.5 centimeter guns."

If the British can reach Aleppo and there join forces with General Allenby's army, which has been fighting its way northward through Palestine, they will be able to cut off the whole Arabian peninsula from the Turks and be in a position to meet any Turkish attacks from the troops of the Arabian which are present operating in the southern littoral of the Black sea.

Adjustment Board

To Pass on Disputes Over Rules of Contracts on Railroads.

Washington, D. C., April 2.—Members of the railroad administration's board of adjustment No. 1, which will pass on disputes over rules of contracts and employment conditions arising between railroad managements and the four leading railroad brotherhoods, were announced last night. The board will meet here next Monday to organize and will proceed immediately to consider a number of pending disputes.

EX-KING'S AGENTS
AND THEIR LAWYER
PUT TO DEATH

Representatives of Former King Constantine of Greece Were Found Guilty By Court Martial; They Arrived Recently on German Submarine.

Athens, Saturday, March 30.—Lieutenant Calamara and Hodoropoulos, who came to Greece recently on a German submarine as agents of former King Constantine, were condemned to death by court martial and sentence was carried out to-day. Their lawyer, Conoupius, also received the death sentence.

EXPRESS CO. MERGER
BEING MAPPED OUT

Government and Company Representatives Are Working Out Plan for Distribution of Profits.

Washington, D. C., April 2.—The merging of the express companies under a new corporation to operate them as a unit and work out a basis for distribution of profits is under consideration by the railroad administration and representatives of the companies.

20-YEAR TERM
FOR DISLOYALTY

Is Proposal of Amendment to Bill in the Senate By Pointedness of Washington—Committee Approves.

Washington, D. C., April 2.—In favorably reporting the bill to impose drastic penalties for disloyal acts, the Senate judiciary committee to-day adopted an amendment by Senator Pointedness of Washington, prescribing imprisonment for 20 years and a \$10,000 fine for "whoever shall by any word or act support or favor the cause of the German empire or its allies in the present war or by word or act oppose the cause of the United States therein."

The committee also approved the same penalties for persons obstructing the government war bond issues and for willfully attempting, as well as an actual attempt, to obstruct recruiting or enlistment in the army.

HOLLAND PROTESTS
SEIZURE OF SHIPS

Formal Notification Was Made to State Department By Netherlands Minister.

Washington, D. C., April 2.—A formal protest against the taking over of Dutch ships has been made to the state department by the Netherlands minister, August Phillips, acting under instructions from The Hague.

SHELL EXPLODED NEAR PARIS.

On the Eighth Day of Big Gun Bombardment.

AMERICAN WOMEN DEAD

Were Victims of Long-range Shelling of Paris on Good Friday

WERE IN CHURCH
HIT BY A SHELL

Mrs. Mary G. Landon, Mrs. Ralph Speed and Miss Ruth Landon

Paris, April 2.—Mrs. Mary G. Landon, wife of Edward H. Landon, a retired New York attorney, and their daughters, Mrs. Lucy Landon Speed, wife of Captain Ralph Speed of the British army service corps, and Miss Ruth Landon, were killed on Good Friday when a shell from the long-range German gun struck a church here.

ELEVATOR BOY
SAYS TOTHEBERG
KILLED COHEN

Latter Admits He Was with the Gambler an Hour Before the Shooting But Denies He Was Implicated in the Crime.

New York, April 2.—A man identified as the slayer of Harry Cohen, the gambler who was shot and killed yesterday morning in an uptown apartment house, was brought to the detective bureau last night.

VERMONT BAR COMMITTEES
Have Been Named By President Healy of the Association.

Robert E. Healy, president of the Vermont Bar Association, has announced the following committees during his regime at the head of the association: Membership—Addison County, Ira H. LaFleur, Middlebury; Bennington, Henry Chase, Bennington; Caledonia, Harry W. Winters, St. Johnsbury; Chittenden, Guy M. Page, Burlington; Essex, C. R. Powell, Island Pond; Franklin, R. M. Austin, St. Albans; Lamoille, T. C. Chubb, Morrisville; Orange, J. C. Sherburne, Randolph; Orleans, W. W. Reidon, Barton; Rutland, James B. Leamy, Rutland; Washington, W. N. Theriault, Montpelier; Windham, Harry B. Chase, Brattleboro; Windsor, E. E. Moore, Ludlow.

Professional conduct—Alexander Dunn, St. Johnsbury; S. H. Jackson, Barre; H. L. Skeels, Ludlow; E. E. Johnson, St. Albans; R. C. Bacon, Brattleboro.

Jurisprudence and law reform—C. I. Rutton, Middlebury; J. W. Redmond, Newport; F. D. Thompson, Barton.

Practice, procedure and court organization—George M. Hogan, St. Albans; F. L. Laird, Montpelier; E. C. Mower, Burlington.

Legislation—George M. Hogan, St. Albans; F. L. Laird, Montpelier; E. C. Mower, Burlington.

Legal history and biography—A. E. Cudworth, Londonderry; D. E. Porter, St. Johnsbury; John S. Dorsey, Rutland.

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MORE STIPENDS FOR OFFICIALS

Firemen, Policemen, City Attorney and Water Office Assistant

GRANTED INCREASES
BY CITY COUNCIL

New System of Paying Call Firemen Goes into Effect

Still shunning the hateful glare of publicity, the city council retired into executive session again at its regular meeting last night immediately after transacting the week's accumulation of routine business. Alderman Healy's motion carried the city fathers into the star chambered cloisters where the prying eyes of the uninitiated never penetrate, and later they returned to open session and voted substantial increases to members of the police department and the water office assistant. Previously much of the time had been given over to discussing Everett Hood and his widely traveled house on spooks; also the light which John B. Brusa burned for three weeks during the smallpox quarantine, and the matter of garbage collections in 1918.

Salary increases were authorized through the adoption of a report from the salary committee. The following changes were made: Chief of police, \$1,200, an increase of \$50; chief of the fire department, \$1,200, increase of \$100; street superintendent, \$1,600, unchanged; water superintendent and city engineer, \$1,800, unchanged; overseer of the poor, \$500, unchanged; city attorney, \$500, increase of \$50; regular policemen, \$80 monthly, and contract policemen, increase of \$5; regular policemen after two years' service, \$85; deputy chief, \$93 monthly, increase of \$8; assistant in the water office, increased from \$47 monthly to \$54 weekly; members of the board of health, building inspector, inspector of paint, inspector of electric wiring, 30 cents per hour, same as contract policeman; engineer in the fire department, \$75 per year, increase of \$25; second and third assistants, \$65, increase of \$20; captain of each call company, \$12 above the pay of the call men.

A new system of paying the members of the call fire department is in vogue now, as the result of the investigation and recommendations of the committee. Hitherto the call men have received \$35 yearly, with a stipulated amount hourly after the first hour of a fire. Under the new arrangement each call man is to receive \$1.50 per call for general alarms, and after the first hour of service 75 cents per hour. For attending meetings or registration he is to receive \$1, and the pay for each practice drill is to be \$1. Moreover a fine of \$1 is to be imposed for failure to respond to a call, although the captain of each company is authorized to accept excuses if the call man was detained by illness or by absence from the city.

Miscellaneous Business Done.

When the garbage collecting system was suspended late in 1917, householders were assured that the collections would not be renewed until April 1, 1918. Thus far nothing has been done to renew the daily trips of the garbage men, and as the time for spring clean-up is at hand, Alderman Milne suggested the question by inquiring whether last year's plan was to be followed out. He thought that the present condition of city finances dictated retrenchment, even in the matter of cleaning up, and to that end advocated monthly instead of weekly collections. Alderman Loranger thought that the weekly collection had been justified, but his colleague from ward 1 held that less frequent trips would bring about the desired results. Mayor Glysson believed that the public should be willing to take care of a part of its garbage, inasmuch as money is tight at this moment. Alderman Healy counseled investigation and moved that the street and health committees return to the next meeting with recommendations. The motion carried.

Everett Hood is going to have some dealings with the city attorney and the aldermanic police committee. It all came about when it was stated that Mr. Hood's well known domicile is now anchored amid the blackened ruins of the Wells-Lamson granite plant at the north end. The heira of the Hoods when they traveled eastward last week since was delayed at length, and someone furnished the information that Mr. Hood is legally a resident of Berlin. It was thought that continued residence on the Wells-Lamson property would entitle him to a vote here in Barre, etc., and to the end that the Hood house may be located elsewhere, the matter was finally left to City Attorney Wishart and the police committee.

From J. B. Brusa came a statement asking that the city reimburse him for expenses incurred during the period of his quarantine. The statement was itemized as follows: Room at \$8 per month; 80 light bulbs; all night for three weeks, \$1.25; lamp globe, 40 cents. The bill was referred to the health committee after some discussion. A report from the same committee recommending adversely on the request of Peter Labelle for a settlement along similar lines was read and accepted. The inquiry from Mrs. Dix as to whether the city would accept a deed of Dix place, and another small street leading from Brook street was referred to the street committee. A. Olson and Giovanni Olgiati were granted permits to move househousers under the usual restrictions.

Plumbers' licenses were granted C. W. Averill & Co., John H. Johnson and Alex. McHaffie. Licenses were granted as follows, on the recommendation of the license committee: Luncheon, Baltimore, W. A. Murray; pool and bowling, Murphy & Weaver. Requests from Mary David, Laska restaurant, Petrie & McMillan and J. J. Clark for luncheon licenses, and from Joe Merlo, Sam D'Agostino and John Russo for poolroom licenses were referred to the committee. The same committee, reporting on the request of L. Romer for a luncheon license, referred the matter to the police and license committees for further investigation.

The following warrants were approved for payment: Lamoille County Savings bank, \$475.00, interest on notes; street department payroll, \$152.77; street and surface sewer accounts; engineer-

ing payroll, \$25.01; water payroll, \$86.32; fire payroll, \$138.40; police payroll, \$142.91, police and health accounts; G. A. Bemis, \$16, services as janitor; A. L. Noyes \$12, M. Riley \$36, A. M. Rossi \$26.35, services as assessors; Farmer's Loan & Trust Co., \$250.00, notes paid; \$11, auto-truck license; B. B. Jackson, \$3, storing car; William Wishart, \$490, expenses and salary as city attorney.

PLAINFIELD CASE STARTED.

Bonazzi vs. Fortney Matter Being Taken Up in County Court.

Washington county court convened this morning after the week end recess. Judge E. L. Waterman commenced presiding over the sessions of the court, relieving Judge F. L. Fish, who has been acting in that capacity until Judge Waterman arrived from the south. When the court was ready for the trial of cases it was announced that the case of Stackpole vs. Cook and Cook will not be tried this term, because the plaintiff is unable to run surveyor's lines until after the snow leaves the property in question. A motion was made for a continuance of the case of Phelps vs. Uley, which is at the feet of the jury calendar, and if the motion is allowed, upon hearing, two of the eight cases left for trial will have been disposed of.

It was stated in court this morning that an effort to settle the case of Savoja vs. Parentoni is being made. The petition of Joseph Bartlett vs. T. H. Cave, jr., adm., has only partly been heard. This case cannot be settled as to trial until after the petition is heard and either allowed or dismissed.

The jury was drawn in the case of Antonio Bonazzi vs. L. F. Fortney of Plainfield. It is composed of C. J. Goldsboro, C. R. Boyce, C. E. Johnson, Montpelier; Charles Lovell, Duxbury; J. S. Williams, Waterbury; J. W. Bates, Montpelier; F. O. Batchelder, Calais; L. O. Cass, Northfield; R. C. Collins and J. W. Gallison, East Montpelier; Earl Fuller, Warren, and H. A. Howe, Roxbury.

L. C. Moody, clerk of the court, was the first witness. He was used as a witness to show that the plaintiff was not involved in the case, out of which it is alleged the slandered case developed, and testified to the suit of E. D. Bartlett vs. Bonazzi, and other records of the court and the trial of the Bartlett vs. Bonazzi case.

The plaintiff put the defendant on the stand this morning to testify relative to the case of Bartlett vs. Bonazzi, the purpose being to show that Fortney was to benefit in that case should a verdict be returned in favor of Bartlett. There was also a debate over the admission of a letter, alleged to have been written by Fortney to Bonazzi, in which the latter claims he was abused.

WEST HAVEN MAN
KILLED BY NEPHEW

Levi Van Guilder, Aged 39, Victim, and Gun Was Held By a Five-Year-Old Youngster—Death Was Instantaneous.

Fair Haven, April 2.—Levi Van Guilder of West Haven, 39, was accidentally shot and instantly killed yesterday by his five-year-old nephew, George Rooker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luray Rooker of West Haven.

Mr. and Mrs. Rooker came to this town yesterday on business, leaving Mrs. Rooker's brother, Mr. Van Guilder, in charge of their children, George, an 11-year-old girl and a baby. While Mr. Van Guilder was eating his dinner the boy took a loaded shotgun which was standing in a corner of the room, and in handling it the gun was discharged into Mr. Guilder's face.

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GEN. F. H. FRENCH
HONORABLY DISCHARGED

Because of Physical Disability the Commander of National Guard Division at Camp Wheeler Is to Be Relieved.

Washington, D. C., April 2.—Major General Francis H. French, commanding the National Guard division at Camp Wheeler, Ga., is honorably discharged as a major general because of physical disability, by orders issued to-day. He will remain temporarily in command of the division and when relieved will have the rank of brigadier general in the regular army.

OVER \$1,000 RAISED
For Armenian-Syrian Relief and Barre Canvass Is Not Completed.

While the canvass for the Armenian-Syrian relief fund in Barre City has not been completed, there stands to the credit of the committee something over \$1,000 to date. Any who may have been omitted in the canvass will please step into headquarters for this fund, The People's Shoe Store, and get their receipt for any amount, large or small, which they wish to contribute.

BURIAL AT MONTPELIER.

Body of Mrs. Viola M. Cleveland Brought from Underhill.

The body of Mrs. Viola M. Cleveland was brought to Montpelier this afternoon from Underhill, where Mrs. Cleveland died Sunday, and a prayer service was held this afternoon at the home of her son, Pearl Cleveland, on Barre street, after which burial took place at Green Mount cemetery. Mrs. Cleveland was 63 years of age and leaves her husband, the son in Montpelier and a daughter, Mrs. A. V. Andrews of Buffalo, N. Y.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. L. Alberici returned to their home in Waterbury this afternoon, after passing the week end with relatives in the city.

Miss Mary Tomasi, who is engaged as a teacher in the Swanton schools, is spending the Easter recess at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sanguietti, of North Main street.

E. B. Bossey left the city last night on a business trip of several days to Zaneville, O. While assisting his men in loading finished granite yesterday, Mr. Bossey received injuries on his right hand when a stone slipped and fell. Two fingers were badly lacerated and a physician was called to dress them.

VERMONT SENDS MORE SOLDIERS

Contingent of 156 Men Went to Camp Dever To-day

MANY BARRE MEN TO ENTER TRAINING

The Washington and Orange County Delegations Started from Montpelier

Sixteen of the 18 men who were recently drafted in Washington county left Montpelier this morning for Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass., and six men from Orange county joined the party, all being in charge of Capt. R. J. Smith of the 201st Infantry at Devens. The other two members of the Washington county party will join the contingent at the cantonment, Charles Woods of Barre going there direct from Northampton, Mass., and Elsiea Gomez of Northfield coming from Alberta, Ga.

The Washington county contingent is composed of the following men: James Henry O'Grady, Montpelier; William Murray, Graniteville; Joseph E. Bossey, Waterbury; Charles Louis Catto, Barre; Daniel Coughlin, Graniteville; William Arthur Jones, Barre; Leonard Benjamin Timmons, Barre; George Lillie, Barre; Carl Harry Livendale, Barre; Harry Powers, Roxbury; Antonio Testi, Barre; Carl Elbridge Barnett, Cabot; Louis Abbiatti, Barre; Charles Joplin Connor, Barre; George F. Blaisdell, Graniteville; Charles J. Woods, Barre; Elsiea Gomez, Northfield.

The Orange county detachment was made up of the following men: Scott E. Hazelden, Newbury; T. J. Vincent, Newbury; Ernest Bingham, Randolph; E. H. Martin, Williamstown; Elmer Moulton, West Topsham; J. C. Stevens, Newbury.

Of the number from Washington county 12 are granite workers, two teamsters, one mechanic, one automobile driver, one railroad baggage man, and one farmer. The Washington county men reported at the county courthouse last evening to George N. Tilden, chairman of the local exemption board, and received their credentials, including the ribbon which was attached to their coats to identify them.

Some of the Barre boys returned to their homes for the night, while others remained at the Montpelier house or with friends in Montpelier. The Orange county party, in charge of M. C. Knight, chairman of their local board, stopped at the same hotel, after spending the evening at the "movies."

The prospects of soldiers went from Montpelier over the Montpelier & Wells River railroad. There were between 75 and 100 people, mostly relatives, out to see the men off. The men had been fixed out with Red Cross outfits by the chapters in the towns from which they came. The Washington county contingent was in charge of James Morgan of Barre, with Charles Catto of the same city and William Murray of Graniteville assisting him. The Orange county men were marshaled by Scott Hazelden.

The men boarded a special car, one of two which were sent into Vermont to carry the 156 drafted men to camp. The Washington and Orange county men were joined at Wells River by the Caledonia, Lamoille, Orleans and Essex county men, those from Lamoille county going to St. Johnsbury last evening. The other car started from Albion and went over the Rutland railroad.

SPAULDING ATHLETES
WON CHAMPIONSHIP

Defeated Burlington High School at Morrisville Last Evening By the Score of 30 to 26.

Spaulding high school won the interscholastic basketball championship at Morrisville last evening by defeating Burlington high school, with which it was scheduled to play at the same time, by the score of 30 to 26. The game last night was intensely interesting and was won, 30 to 26, only after extra time had to be played. The regular time ended with the score tied at 24 each. Then Burlington dropped in two fouls and Spaulding duplicated the performance, making it 26 apiece. Then Spaulding's offensive got to working and success dropped in two baskets in quick succession, before the extra five minutes were up. Both the baskets were from long shots.

The line-up was as follows: Spaulding. Burlington. Lyon, rf.lg. Blissett, lf.lg. Harrington, c.lg. Gault, g.lg. Katz, g.lg. Morse, rg.lg. Wilkins, rg.lg. Wilkins, rg.lg. Tinsley, rg.lg. Spaulding, 26; Burlington, 26; baskets from foul, Mann 6, Lyons 2, Gault 2, Morse, for Spaulding; baskets from foul, Blissett 3, R. Katz 3, Harrington 2, Wilkins 2, baskets from fouls, Wilkins 6, referee, Gammell; scorers, Gates, Albert; timekeepers, Fairbanks, Carty; time, two 20 minute periods.

ESTABLISH PRIORITY.

Of Delivery in Raw and Manufactured War Materials.

Washington, April 2.—The creating of a requirements division to establish the priority of delivery in raw and manufactured war materials was announced to-day by the war industries board.

Albert Bertrand, who is employed as a graniter in Washington, D. C., arrived in the city yesterday for an extended visit with his mother on Foss street.

Miss Catherine Martin, who has been visiting at her home on Richardson street during the past week, returned this forenoon to her studies at Mt. Holyoke college.